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Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

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The invention relates to a composition which is effective as  $\underline{a}$  flotation reagent for collecting and separating potash salt mixtures. The flotation reagent comprises A) at least one compound of the formula  $[R^1-NH_3]^+X^-$ , where  $R^1$  is a  $C_8$  to  $C_{22}$  alkyl radical and  $X^-$  is an anion, and B) a branched fatty acid having a chain length of 8 to 22 carbon atoms.